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Application of:)
Michael A. AVENI, et al.)
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For: FOOTWEAR SOLE WITH A STIFFNESS ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM)
Group Art Unit: 3728
Examiner: TBD
Docket No. 005127.00078

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to a duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicant submits U.S. Patent Number 6,457,261 to Crary, which is cited on the attached PTO-1449 form, and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider this document.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) and, therefore, neither a certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) nor a fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required. Should a fee be deemed necessary for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, such fee is hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account number 19-0733 for payment.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made officially of record, and that a listing of the documents appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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